

Claims

[c1] 1. A method for fabricating informational placards, comprising the steps of:

entering a name of a license applicant and a licensing agent into a computer system by a user via a user interface for obtaining a license;

determining an expiration date of the license based on the current date by the computer system;

entering a vehicle identification number into the computer system by the user via the user interface for accessing information on an identified vehicle from a database;

accessing information required by regulatory agencies on informational placards from a database by the computer system;

printing a transparent label using a printer connected to the computer system, the transparent label containing the license expiration date, vehicle identification number and information required by regulatory agencies;

securing the transparent label to a substrate by the user using adhesive means to form an informational placard; and

positioning the informational placard on the identified vehicle by the user.

- [c2] 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of entering a name of a license applicant comprises selecting the name of the license applicant from a list of license applicants presented to the user via the user interface, the list of applicants accessed from a database.
- [c3] 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of entering a name of a licensing agent comprises selecting the name of the licensing agent from a list of licensing agents presented to the user via the user interface, the list of agents accessed from a database.
- [c4] 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining an expiration date further comprises adding a time duration period of the license determined by regulatory requirements to the current date.
- [c5] 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of entering a vehicle identification number comprises scanning a bar code representation of the vehicle identification into the computer system using a bar code scanner.
- [c6] 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accessing information is selected from the group consisting of accessing a license applicant's driver's permit number, ac-

cessing a licensing agent's permit number, accessing a name of a vehicle dealership, accessing a permit number of a vehicle dealership, and accessing a location of a vehicle dealership.

- [c7] 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of printing a transparent label is selected from the group consisting of printing a transparent label on a laser printer and printing a transparent label on a thermal printer.
- [c8] 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of securing the transparent label to a substrate comprises positioning the transparent label on a substrate by aligning label printed characters with corresponding character positions imprinted on the substrate and securing the transparent label to the substrate using weatherproof adhesive means.
- [c9] 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of positioning the informational placard is selected from the group consisting of positioning the informational placard in a license plate holder of the identified vehicle, positioning the informational placard in a window of the identified vehicle, and positioning the informational placard on a bumper of the identified vehicle.
- [c10] 10. A system for fabricating informational placards, com-

prising:

a user interface for entering a name of a license applicant and a licensing agent into a computer system by a user for obtaining a license;

computer means for determining an expiration date of the license based on the current date;

the user interface for entering a vehicle identification number into the computer system by the user for accessing information on an identified vehicle from a database;

computer means for accessing information required by regulatory agencies on informational placards from a database;

printer means for printing a transparent label using a printer connected to the computer system, the transparent label containing the license expiration date, vehicle identification number and information required by regulatory agencies;

user means for securing the transparent label to a substrate using adhesive means to form an informational placard; and

user means for positioning the informational placard on the identified vehicle.

[c11] 11. The system of claim 10, further comprising the user interface for displaying a list of names of license appli-

cants accessed from a database, a name of a license applicant being selected by the user.

- [c12] 12. The system of claim 10, further comprising the user interface for displaying a list of names of licensing agents accessed from a database, a name of a licensing agent being selected by the user.
- [c13] 13. The system of claim 10, further comprising a bar code scanner for scanning a bar code representation of the vehicle identification number into the computer system.
- [c14] 14. The system of claim 10, wherein the information required on informational placards by regulatory agencies is selected from the group consisting of a license applicant's driver's permit number, licensing agent's permit number, name of vehicle dealership, vehicle dealership permit number, and location of vehicle dealership.
- [c15] 15. The system of claim 10, wherein the printer means is selected from the group consisting of a laser printer and a thermal printer.
- [c16] 16. The system of claim 10, wherein the substrate material is selected from the group consisting of paperboard, cardboard, metal and plastic.

- [c17] 17. The system of claim 10, wherein the substrate is imprinted with fixed information.
- [c18] 18. The system of claim 10, wherein the transparent label is imprinted with fixed and variable information.
- [c19] 19. The system of claim 10, wherein the transparent label is imprinted with variable information.
- [c20] 20. The system of claim 10, wherein the information placard is selected from the group consisting of a temporary license plate and a disabled parking placard.
- [c21] 21. The system of claim 10, wherein the formed informational placard is durable, tamper resistant and weather resistant.
- [c22] 22. A system for fabricating informational placards, comprising:
 - a computer connected to a user interface, at least one database, a barcode scanner, and a printer;
 - a transparent label imprinted with information by the printer;
 - a substrate for securing the transparent label; the transparent label being adhesively bonded to the substrate forming an informational placard; and
 - a vehicle for displaying the informational placard.

- [c23] 23. The system of claim 22, wherein the imprinted information on the transparent label is selected from the group consisting of variable information, and fixed plus variable information.
- [c24] 24. The system of claim 22, wherein the information displayed on the information placard conforms to regulatory agency requirements.
- [c25] 25. The system of claim 22, wherein the substrate contains fixed imprinted information.